UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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April 27, 2005

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Theodore Howze Jr.
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Re: 05-4163 US v. Theodore Howze, Jr. CR-98-299

Dear Appellant and Counsel:

Enclosed is a copy of an order filed today in this case.

Yours truly,

PATRICIA S. CONNOR Clerk

/s/ Joy Hargett
By:
Deputy Clerk

Enclosure(s)

cc: Clerk, U. S. District Court

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No. 05-4163 (CR-98-299)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

versus

THEODORE HOWZE, JR.,

Defendant - Appellant.

ORDER

Appellant has filed a CJA 23 affidavit seeking leave to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis. The CJA 23 affidavit filed by appellant in this Court is protected from public disclosure pursuant to the Judicial Conference Policy on Privacy and Public Access to Electronic Criminal Case Files.

By order dated February 28, 2005, the district court denied appellant leave to proceed in forma pauperis. Appellant is currently incarcerated, and a review of his financial affidavit, prisoner trust account and presentencing report indicates that he is without sufficient financial resources to advance the costs and fees associated with this direct criminal appeal.

The Court grants appellant leave to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis and seals the CJA 23 affidavit.

For the Court - By Direction /s/ Patricia S. Connor

Clerk

A True Copy, Teste: Patricia S. Connor, Clerk

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